

TO: Rep. Fischer and Rep. Olson

FROM: The Coalition of Recovery Investment (CORI)

SUBJECT: HF 4265 – Opioid Settlement

DATE: March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022

HF4265 (Olson) Opioid settlement proceed deposit and allocation provided, two accounts established in the opiate epidemic response fund, separate opioid account in the state treasury eliminated, time frame modified for eliminating the opioid manufacturer registration fee and reducing license fees, and municipal claims barred against litigants in settled opioid cases.

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We are very happy to support HF4265. CORI worked alongside legislators and advocates in 2019 to pass the first\_-in\_-the\_-nation opioid legislation, whose goal was to hold drug companies accountable while helping the Minnesotans who had become addicted to this devastating drug. HF 4265 moves the state even further in that direction by memorializing the varied settlements that the state and local governments engaged in during the preceding years.

We applaud both Rep. Olson and Rep. Baker for finding common ground in this legislation and appreciate everyone's hard work at all levels of government to ensure these much-needed dollars will be flowing to the state, local governments and tribes.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bill Messinger